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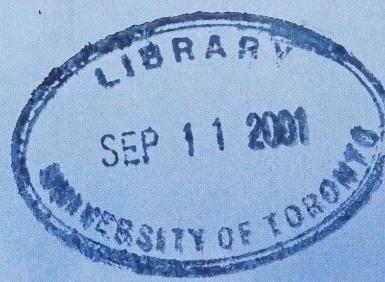
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MORE LAKES, MORE RIVERS, MORE MORE SIGHTS, MORE SMILES,

There are beaches in Ontario with sand so white and water so blue you'd swear you were in the Caribbean. Some of the best scuba diving and shipwreck sightings in North America are within a day's drive from Toronto.

And you can see pelicans, polar bears, even go on a dog sled expedition without ever leaving the province.

Surprised? Well that's just what Ontario is, full of surprises. So take a minute, relax,



TREES, MORE COLOUR, MORE CULTURE, MORE FRIENDS, MORE SURPRISES.

and look through this beautiful booklet. We promise you won't be able to decide where you want to go first. Then flip to the information section starting on page 22 for some of the numbers, addresses and websites you'll need to

start planning your vacation.

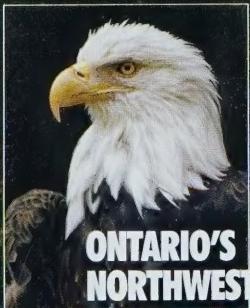
Ontario. Leave your passport at home. Don't worry about exchanging your money. Just pick a spot and go.



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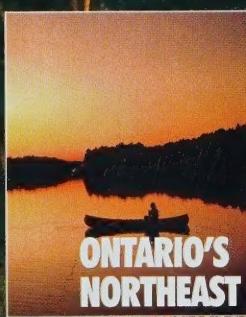


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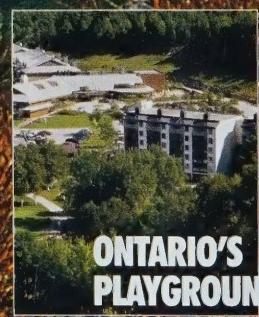
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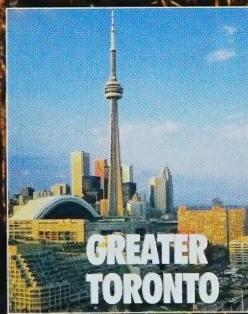
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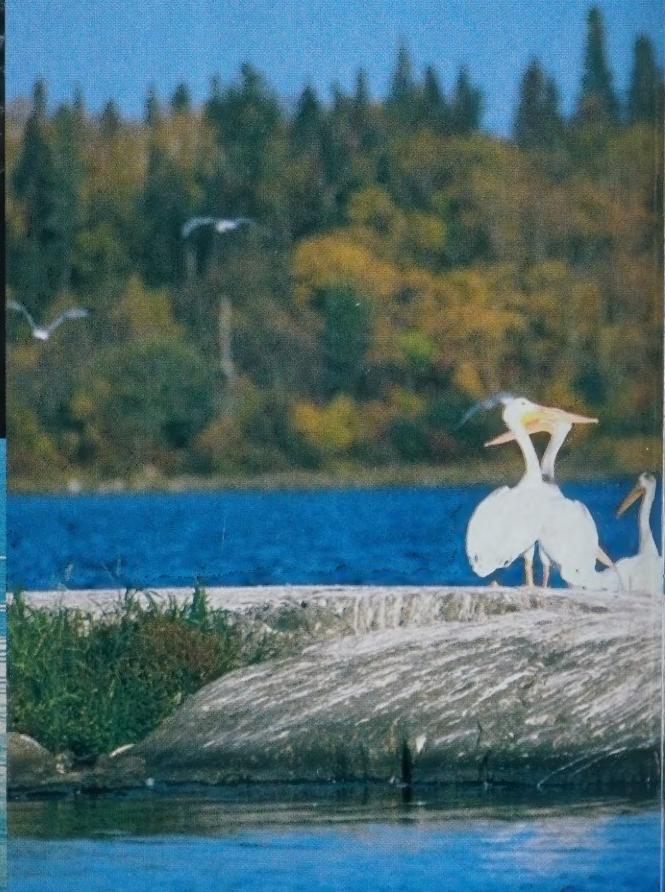
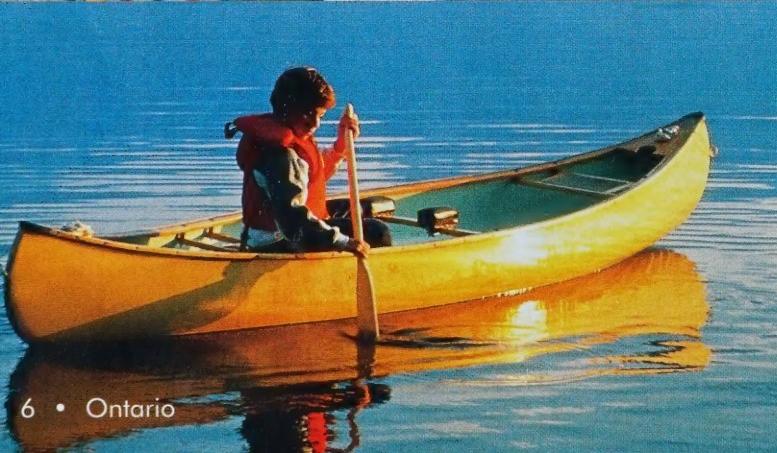
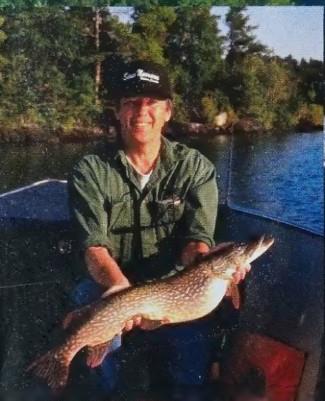
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NORTHWEST



A trip to Ontario's northwest can begin with a visit to Thunder Bay. Perched on the north shore of Lake Superior, it offers all the pleasures of a major city while serving as a gateway to Ontario's vast wilderness.

Head east from Thunder Bay and you'll soon find yourself peering down into one of the most striking canyons in eastern Canada, Ouimet Canyon. You can choose one of two viewing platforms to take in the full, four kilometres of ancient rock and forest.

Head west from Thunder Bay and you'll hit Kakabeka Falls, known as the Niagara of the North for its awesome 39-metre drop. Go even farther west and you just might see a flock of pelicans. That's right, they're nestled among the rocky inlets of Lake of the Woods, where bald eagles swoop high above the moose, beaver, black bear, otter and caribou.

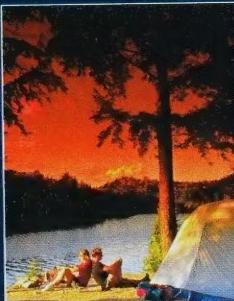
And of course, the fish – muskie, walleye, lake trout, bass and northern pike – are the reason so many come. Head out from Thunder Bay in any direction, even as far as Kenora near the Manitoba border, and you're in for some of the best fishing adventures on the continent.

More of a canoeist than an angler? Then Quetico Provincial Park is the vacation for you. Sitting on the Minnesota border, it's an unspoiled haven of virgin pine and spruce forests, offering some of the best wilderness canoeing in all of North America. All of this and more is waiting for you in Ontario's Northwest. So grab a map, pick your week and name your adventure.

For more information, visit an Ontario Travel Information Centre today (see page 35 for locations).



ONTARIO'S NORTHEAST



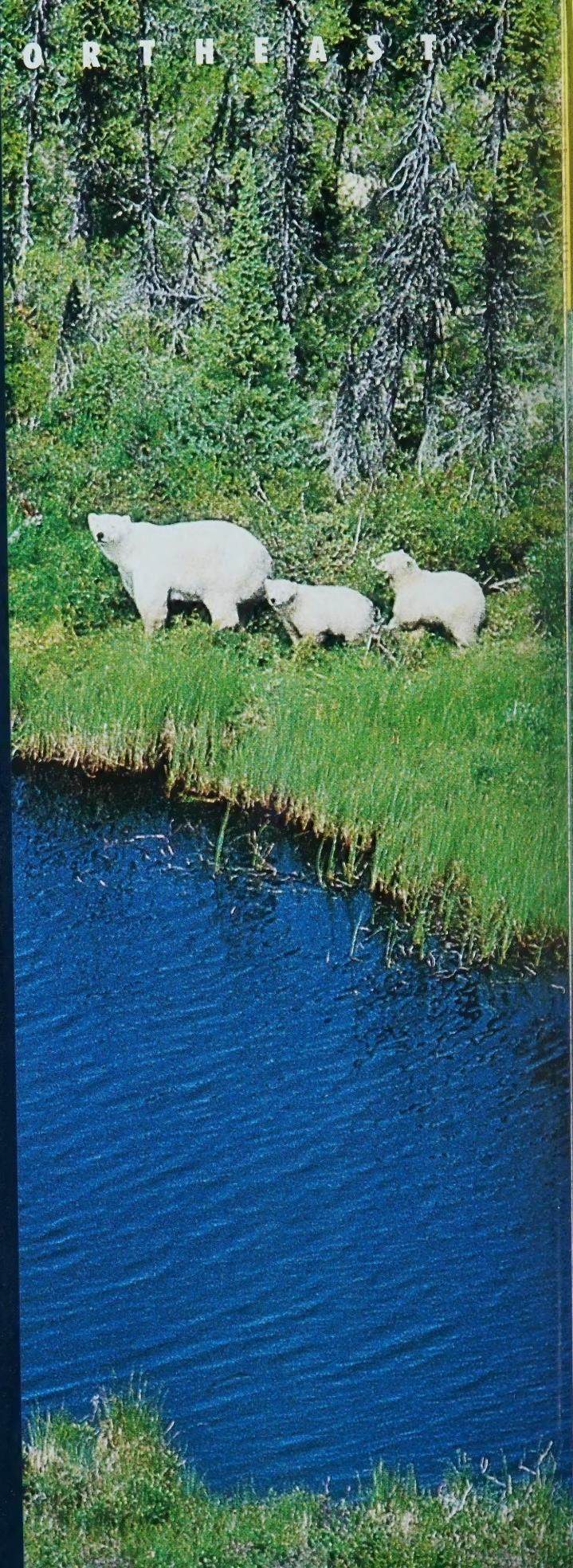
Visit Ontario's Northeast and you're in for bountiful fishing in mighty northern rivers, canoeing, camping, and in winter, endless snow-laden forests and trails that can be explored by snowmobile or dogsled.

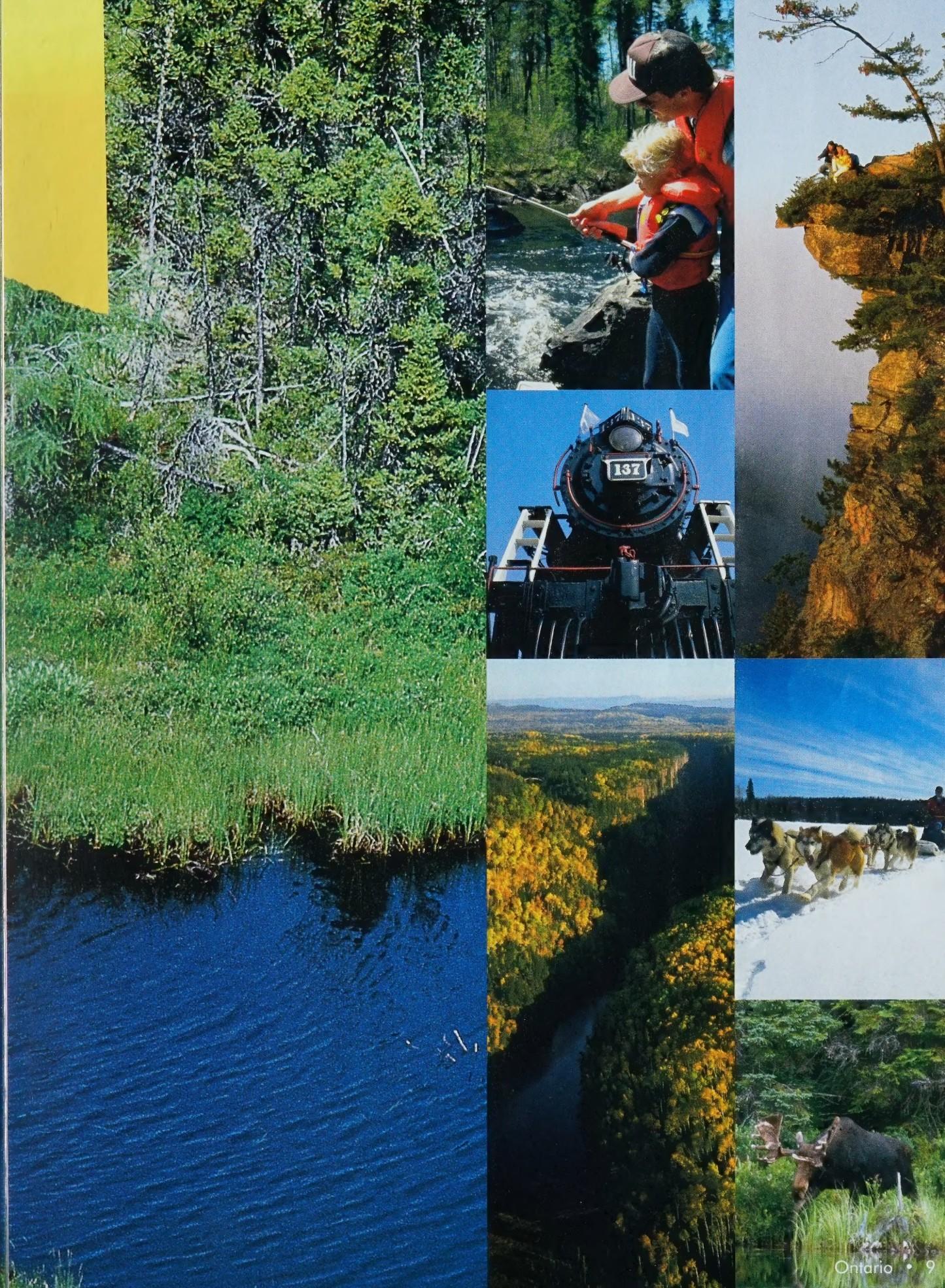
The Polar Bear Express is not to be missed. This single track is the only link to the last outpost before the arctic landscape begins in earnest. The end of the line is Moosonee, where you can cross the Moose River and visit Canada's oldest permanent settlement, Moose Factory.

For those interested in a more southern destination, take the Timmins Gold Mine Tour and try panning for gold nuggets. Or visit the hub of Ontario's near north – North Bay – a cultural, historical and recreational centre with museums, galleries, performing arts and more. The vibrant cities of Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie also offer outstanding recreational activities, numerous attractions and first-rate accommodations. In fact, Sault Ste. Marie is where you catch the breathtaking Agawa Canyon Train Tour.

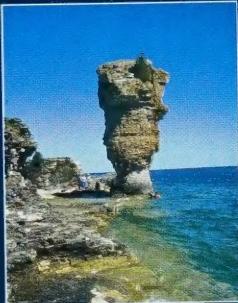
And then there's Temagami. Northwest of North Bay, this area is a canoeist's heaven with 8,000 square kilometres of interconnecting water routes. Or Killarney Provincial Park, set like a jewel on the north shore of Georgian Bay. And of course, Ontario's mighty Algonquin Park, with 7,725 square kilometres of classic Canadian Shield landscape.

For those interested in an island vacation, Manitoulin is a must-see, with 2,800 square kilometres of picture-perfect towns, resorts, camping and Wikwemikong Unceded First Nations Reserve. Be sure to visit on the long weekend in August during the annual Wikwemikong Powwow.





ONTARIO'S PLAYGROUND



Ontario has a big heart and within it lies the key ingredient for the perfect summer vacation – water.

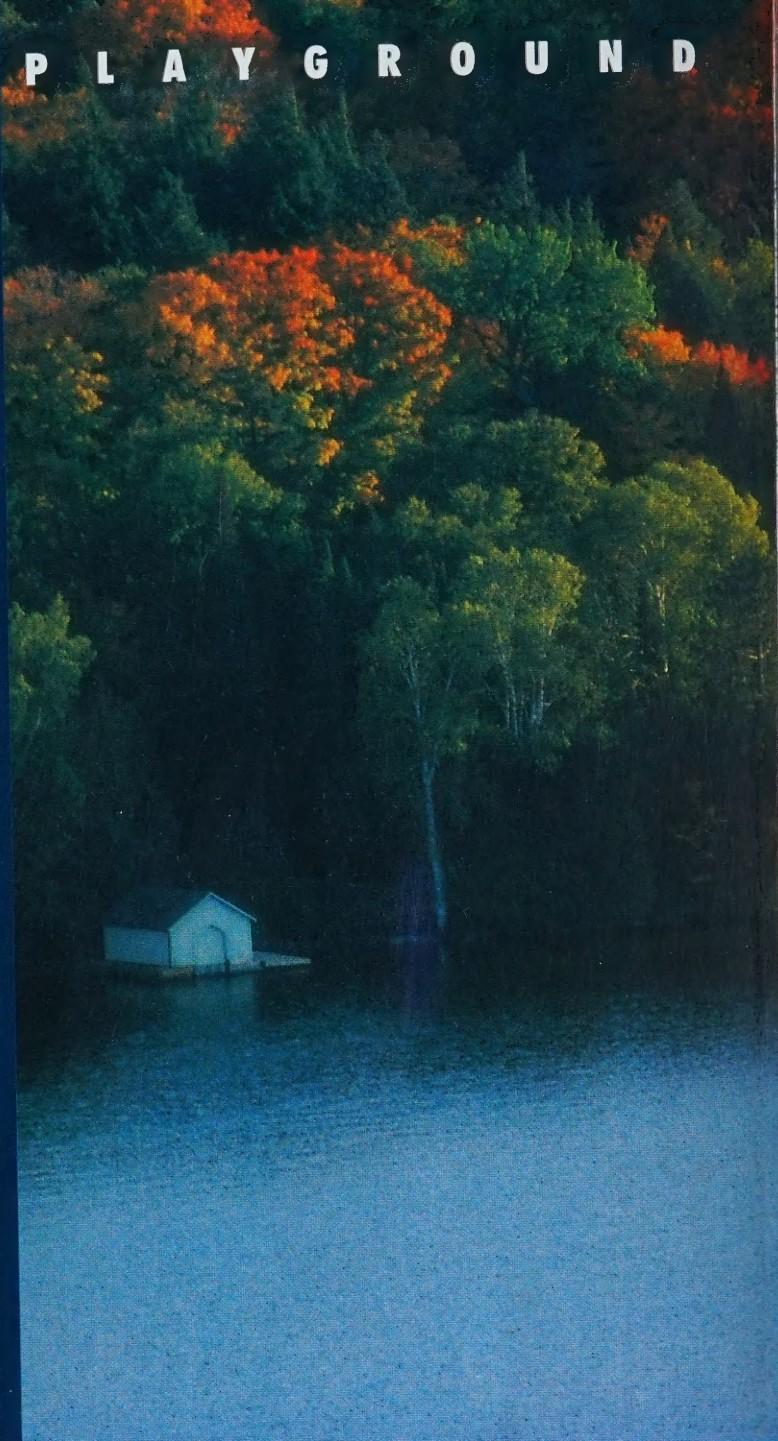
Choose a cottage or resort on Georgian Bay or in the beautiful Muskoka region, and you'll find deep lakes dotted with pine-laden islands and framed by rugged rock cliffs.

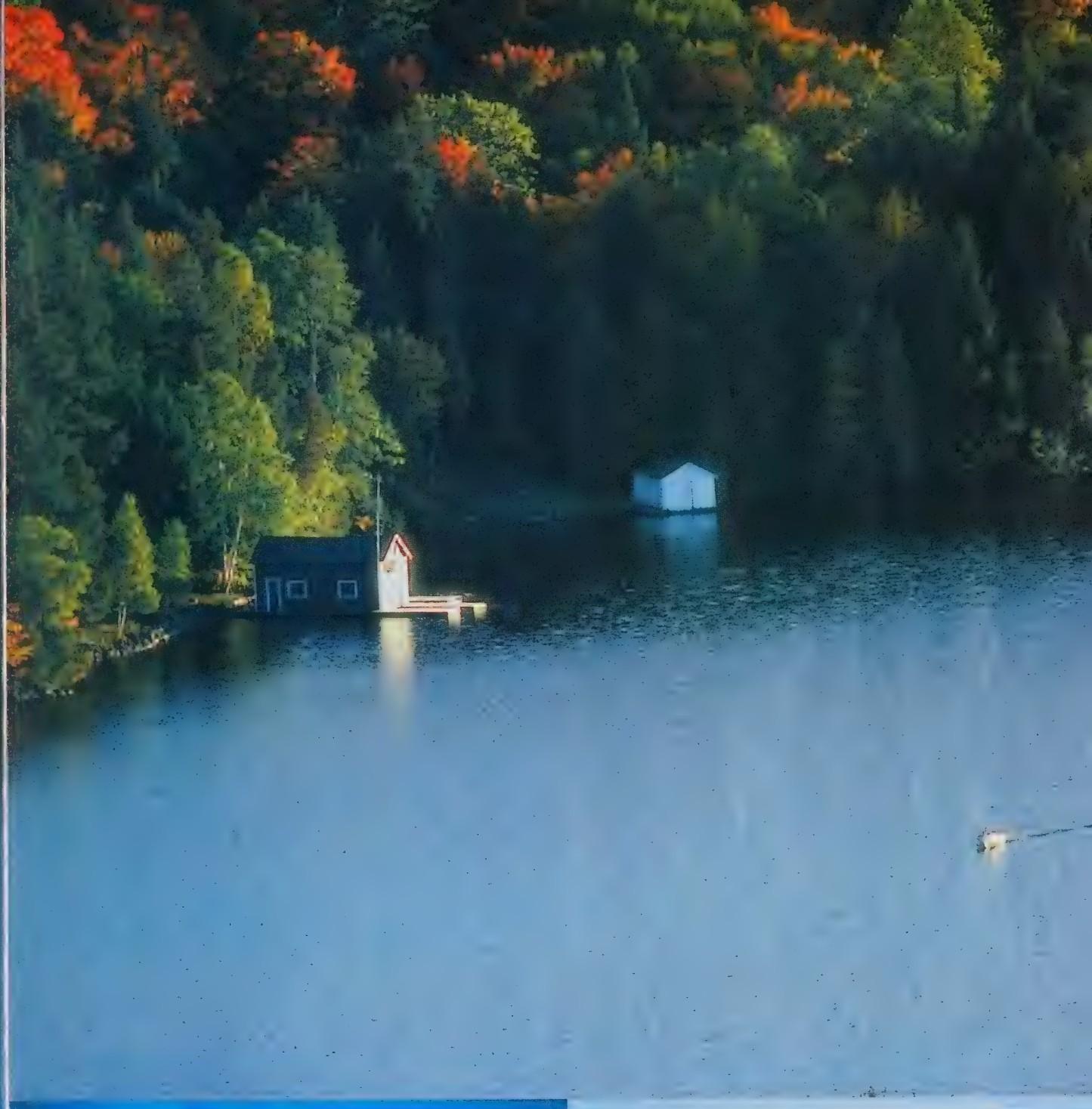
Or perhaps Wasaga Beach. Located on a sand spit between Georgian Bay and the Nottawasaga River, this water-oriented town has cottages for rent all along its 15-kilometre sweep of fine white sand. Plus thrilling rides, water slides, amusements and a classic boardwalk. Visit the Haliburton Highlands and you'll discover a body of water at almost every turn. Here, the lakes are alive with bass. Scuba divers will want to visit Fathom Five National Marine Park at the top of the Bruce Peninsula.

Also found in Ontario's Playground is the 782-kilometre long Niagara Escarpment. The Bruce Trail, Ontario's longest hiking trail, follows the entire escarpment. So dust off your hiking boots!

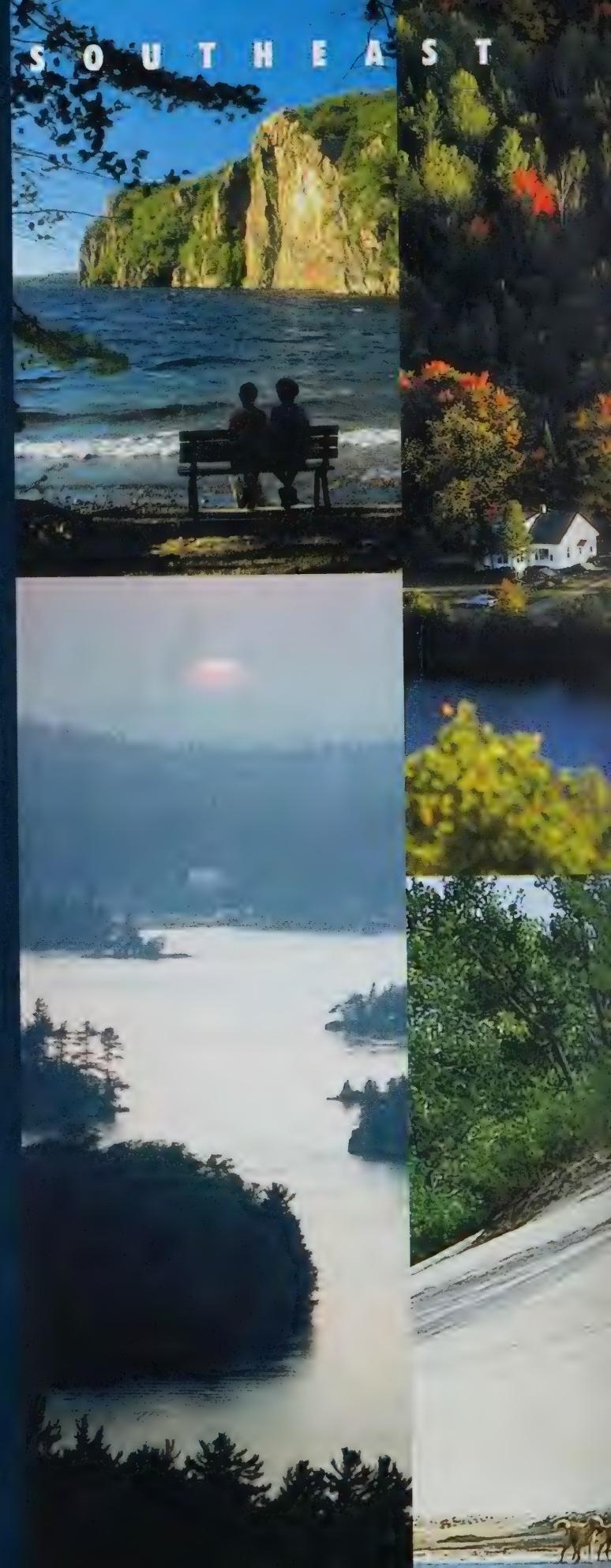
And if you've always wanted to try houseboating, any number of houseboat rental companies will happily set you up to cruise the Trent-Severn Waterway. Peterborough, the southern gateway to the Kawartha lakes, is the place to start. This bustling, attractive city offers fine shopping, sightseeing, restaurants and more. It's also home to the world's highest hydraulic lift lock, a mesmerizing experience from the deck of your boat.

Ontario's Playground. Whether you water ski, swim, cruise in a boat or just relax on a quiet dock, these are the kinds of vacations you'll want to take again and again. For more information, visit our website at www.ontario-canada.com





ONTARIO'S SOUTHEAST



If your perfect vacation includes following whichever road strikes your fancy, may we suggest you begin on Highway 2, Ontario's Heritage Highway.

Following the shore of Lake Ontario, this route passes through charming towns and villages, past gracious homes, picturesque churches and harbours filled with sailboats. There's plenty to stop for too, with lots of roadside stands, shops, restaurants and galleries along the way.

Once you've visited the Victorian charm of Port Hope and Cobourg, look for Colborne and The Big Apple, the first stop on the Apple Route. This interesting drive takes you through some of Ontario's best apple country and ends up in Brighton, near Presqu'ile Provincial Park. With its wide sandy beach and camping facilities, Presqu'ile is not only popular in summer, but a favourite spring and fall bird watching spot as well.

Go a bit farther east and you'll find yourself in Prince Edward County, the only island county in Ontario. Also known as Quinte's Isle, it lies in the Bay of Quinte in eastern Lake Ontario. A leisurely drive or cycle around the island takes you past neatly kept farms and historic small towns, with numerous antique stores and Bed and Breakfasts dotting the route. In southwestern Prince Edward County is Sandbanks Provincial Park, a popular vacation spot and campground, thanks to sand dunes (25 metres high in spots!) and two long sandy beaches.

Ontario's Southeast offers so much to see and do for the happy wanderer.

So pack the car, grab a map, and see you on the road. Call

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or visit www.travelinx.com

to plan and book your trip.





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S O U T H E A S T



With two great rivers (the Ottawa to the north and the Saint Lawrence to the south) framing this beautiful corner of Ontario, it's the perfect place to camp, boat, picnic and even absorb a little history in between.

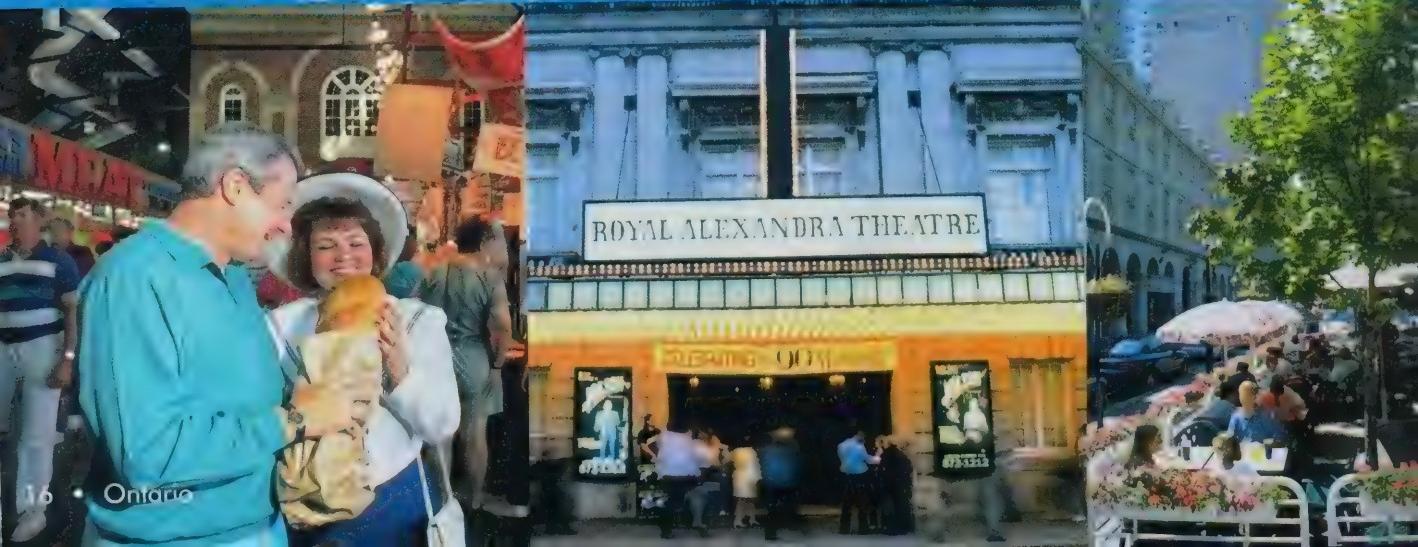
If you are a history buff, you'll want to begin your trip in Kingston. This city boasts more museums per capita than any other place in Ontario. You can take a foot tour and see the city's handsome, 19th century limestone architecture, or spend the afternoon at Fort Henry, a living museum of early military life. Built in 1832, the fort's location offers a magnificent view of where Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River and the Rideau Canal merge.

Once you head east out of Kingston, the spectacular Thousand Islands are a must. Hop on a cruise and pass in the shadows of ships navigating the St. Lawrence Seaway while you view famous castles and palatial waterfront homes. If you prefer to stay on land, the parks of the St. Lawrence are a chain of historic and recreation spots linked by the river and the roads that run beside it.

Another must-see is Ottawa and the surrounding area, with so much to do outdoors and in. The more adventurous might want to spend a weekend whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River, then travel back southeast and spend a few days in the nation's capital with its glorious old buildings, museums, galleries, restaurants, shopping, nightlife and historic Rideau Canal.

Ontario's Southeast. Historic, cultured and naturally beautiful, it's several wonderful vacations rolled into one. Visit an Ontario Travel Information Centre today (see page 35 for locations).





G R E A T E R T O R O N T O



One of the great cities in North America, Toronto is home to many diverse cultures. Little Italy, Little India, Little Portugal, Chinatown and Greektown are all hot spots for eating and shopping.

Drop by St. Lawrence Market on Saturday morning for fresh-from-the-oven bagels, or Kensington Market where the narrow streets are lined with vintage clothing shops, spice markets and fish stands. Window shop at Tiffany's and Chanel on Bloor Street, then hit funky Queen Street West, with its mecca of restaurants, live music, unique shopping and great people watching.

Sports fans will want to catch a Blue Jays or Argonauts game, or visit during Molson Indy race weekend. In winter, it's the Leafs and Raptors. There's also spectacular live theatre, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, Old Fort York, the Hockey Hall of Fame, the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Toronto Islands and so much more. And remember, everything's accessible by public transit.

Want to get outside? Strap on some rollerblades or rent a bike and cruise the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail, a 325-km path that stretches all the way from Stoney Creek to Trenton. And if you've still got time, Paramount Canada's Wonderland, the Metro Zoo and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg are just a few of many world-class attractions within a short drive from downtown Toronto.

Whether you see the big sights or take a cue from the locals and head off the beaten path, Toronto is the perfect getaway for city lovers. Call 1-800-ONTARIO today for your *Ontario Travel Planner*.





Just west of Toronto lies Mennonite country. This is where you'll share the road with horse-drawn buggies as you pass rolling countryside and tidy farms. Be sure to visit St. Jacobs, a popular spot for its shops, restaurants, and market selling everything from fresh produce to hand-sewn Mennonite quilts.

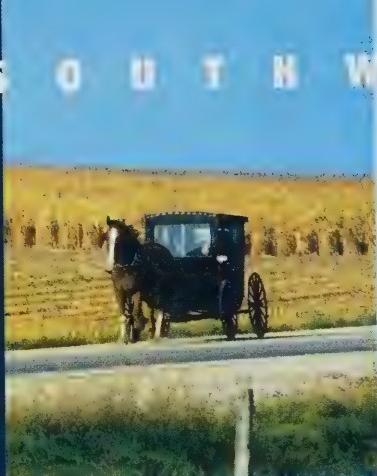
Head north to the town of Elora and see where the breathtaking Elora Gorge begins on the Grand River. Swing back southeast through the bustling city of Hamilton and on to St. Catharines, where you'll discover the route dotted with charming villages. But keep going, because you won't want to miss picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake. Famous for its Shaw Festival from April to October, this picture-perfect town makes for great strolling, shopping and dining between plays.

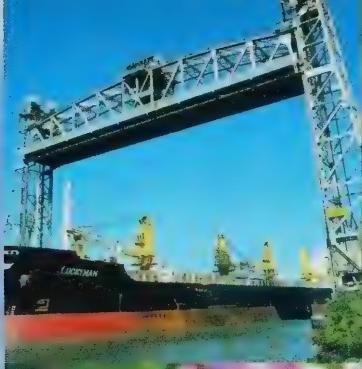
This is also where the scenic Niagara Parkway begins its 56-km stretch down to Fort Erie. It follows the Niagara Gorge and Niagara River, especially beautiful in late April and early May when the pears, cherries and peaches are in blossom. And don't forget to stop at the Butterfly Conservatory in the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens, where you can walk among over 2,000 fluttering butterflies.

When in the Niagara Peninsula, remember you're in the premier wine-growing region in Ontario, with its bountiful vineyards delicately sheltered by the area's unique microclimate. Follow the Wine Route signs and ask along the way about tours and tastings at local wineries.

And of course, the mighty roar of the ever-amazing Niagara Falls is an experience not to be missed. By boat, by foot, or for the really adventurous, by helicopter, the falls are truly captivating.

For more Ontario travel information, visit www.ontario-canada.com





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SOUTHWEST



Visit Ontario's Southwest and see why this corner of the province is called blue water country. At almost any shore community along lakes Huron and Erie you'll find great swimming and beautiful sandy beaches. One of the more famous Lake Huron beaches is at Grand Bend, and just south of the town is Pinery Provincial Park with ten kilometres of fine, sandy beach and magnificent dunes. Southwestern Ontario also offers North America's finest Shakespearean festival held each year in the picturesque community of Stratford.

For a bigger city experience, Windsor awaits with Casino Windsor. While you're in this border city, be sure to board a Pride of Windsor Cruise for a ride on the Detroit River, a rare opportunity to view the breathtaking waterfronts of two countries. And not far from Windsor lies Point Pelee, Canada's most southerly point. Take the ferry to Pelee Island and you'll find yourself on the same latitude as Northern California, Madrid and Rome. No coincidence, since Pelee Island's unique climate is ideal for the cultivation of grapes. In fact, there are hundreds of acres of European grape varieties planted on the island. Visit the Pelee Island Winery for a guided tour and wine tasting.

The lovely city of London is also worth a visit. It's a wonderful blend of contemporary and traditional.

Ontario's Southwest. With its unique concentration of beaches, parks, city, culture and countryside, it's the perfect vacation for those who'd like a bit of everything. Call 1-800-ONTARIO or visit www.travelinx.com to plan and book your trip.



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Accommodation in Ontario offers more than a good night's sleep. There's adventure, relaxation, you can rough it under the stars, or you can live it up in deluxe accommodation (or maybe do a bit of both). Here are some accommodations that are readily available in Ontario.



BED AND BREAKFASTS

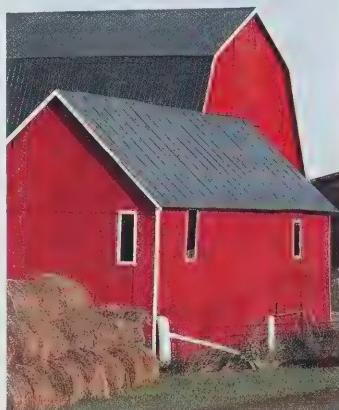
Fancy waking up in an antique-filled Victorian townhouse? What about an Edwardian mansion? Or how about enjoying an English-style breakfast specially cooked for you in a farmhouse kitchen? If you're touring, then Bed and Breakfasts might be your cup of tea. With hundreds of B & Bs scattered throughout Ontario, there are all kinds of experiences for you to discover. Staying in the city? Many city-based B & Bs are located in colourful neighbourhoods just steps from shops, markets, and nightlife – all of them offering you home-style experiences within the larger embrace of big city life. But you'll also find countless Bed and Breakfasts in Ontario's small towns and countryside that provide you with an affordable, comfortable stay, as well as a unique glimpse into traditional Ontario life.

For information only, contact:
Federation of Ontario Bed and Breakfast Accommodation (FOBBA)
Box 437, 253 College Street
Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R5
Tel: (416) 515-1293
www.bbcanada.com/fobba.html



FARM AND COUNTRY ACCOMMODATION

Ontario's farmland and countryside are rolling, lush, and ripe with orchards and pastures. If you want to enjoy it as something more than just a place you pass by, try a farm vacation at one of Ontario's small family farms. Here you'll find barnyards with chickens, hens and ducks, and pastures full of grazing horses, and perhaps a beehive or two. Stay, take a ramble through the fields, or try your hand at a little bit of farming for yourself. Help collect the morning's fresh batch of eggs, or perhaps pick some fruit in a sun-drenched orchard. And enjoy the tastes and flavours of your host's heritage. Since many of Ontario's farms were started by Europeans, the atmosphere of each



farm vacation can be distinctly and enjoyably different. Three types of accommodation are available: At Home (meals and lodging included), Separate Accommodation, and Bed and Breakfast Lodging.

For more information on Ontario's farm and country accommodation, contact:
Ontario Farm and Country Accommodation
RR 2, Alma, Ontario N0B 1A0
Fax: (519) 846-9378
wgrose@sentex.net

ABORIGINAL-OWNED LODGES AND CABINS

Here's where you find peace, quiet, seclusion, wildlife, and of course, lots of fish. In northwestern and northeastern Ontario, there are many native-owned tourist lodges and camps, many of them fly-in only. While aimed at the fishing enthusiast

intent on a wilderness experience, these native-owned accommodations allow you the opportunity to experience aboriginal culture first hand. During your stay you'll have the chance to enjoy native foods such as wild rice, bannocks and jerky, as well as learn more about native culture, legends and lore when you enjoy tea with elders.

For more information on native outpost lodges and cabins, contact:
Northern Ontario Native Tourism Association
Tel: 1-800-699-5796
noront@tradenet.ca
nonta@norlink.net

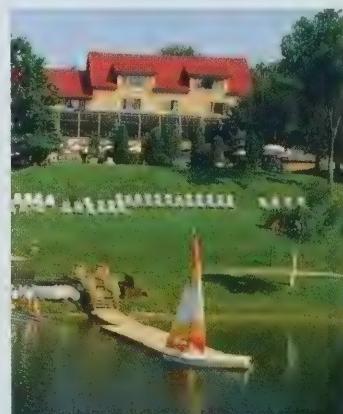
COUNTRY INNS

Traditional country inns throughout Ontario still welcome visitors. These inns, many of them dating back to the turn of the century, are found throughout the countryside and in historic towns such as Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford. Country inns generally offer superior accommodation, fine dining, and often include services such as full-service spas.

For more information, contact:
Independent Innkeepers Association of Ontario
RR 1, Grafton, Ontario K0K 2G0
Tel: 1-800-340-4667

RESORTS

With their emphasis on hospitality and recreation, resorts offer the ultimate vacation escape. Everything is taken care of, allowing you time to fish, swim, ski, or snowmobile at your leisure. Accommodations are usually first class. There are lounges with crackling fires, dining rooms that offer world-class cuisine, and



often entertainment to suit your every whim. Perfect for a get-away weekend, winter ski trip, or summer family vacation.

For more information on resorts in Ontario, contact:
Resorts Ontario
P.O. Box 2148, 29 Albert St. N.
Orillia, Ontario L3V 5J9
Tel: 1-800-363-7227
or (705) 325-9115
Fax: (705) 325-7999
escapes@resorts-ontario.com
www.resorts-ontario.com



MOTELS

If you're planning a road trip through the province, then motels may be where you want to hang your hat. Located near highways as well as major and secondary roads, motels offer the opportunity to relax in comfortable accommodation before you move on. In addition to high-quality accommodation, most offer free parking, food service, and other amenities, including room service, private bathrooms, child care and a swimming pool. Daily and weekly rates are available.

For information only (motels and hotels), contact:
Ontario Accommodation Association
347 Pido Road, Unit 2
RR 6, Peterborough
Ontario K9J 6X7
Tel: 1-800-461-1972
Fax: (705) 745-4983
www.ontarioaccommodation.com

FISHING/HUNTING LODGES

The accommodation of choice for fishing and hunting enthusiasts and outdoors lovers, lodges generally offer a wilderness "outpost" experience with deluxe and standard accommodation. Facilities may

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include main lodge with dining room, comfortable cabins, tackle and boat rental, fine dining and recreational facilities for all the family.

For more information on Ontario's fishing/hunting lodges, contact:
Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association
269 Main Street W, Suite 408
North Bay, Ontario P1B 2T8
Tel: (705) 472-5552
Fax: (705) 472-0621
noto@onlink.net
virtualnorth.com/noto/



COTTAGE RESORTS

There's nothing more sublime than watching the sun set over a lake while sitting on the porch or deck of an Ontario cottage. Visitors can easily access this traditional Ontario vacation experience by renting a cottage or a cabin at a host of cottage resorts across the province.

The typical cottage resort is often located close to a lake and features self-catering cabins with sleeping berths for all the family (and sometimes some friends, too). Boat rentals, barbecues, and private beach access are also often available.

For more information, call
Resorts Ontario at 1-800-363-7227.

HOTELS

Ontario boasts thousands of hotel rooms. You can choose from chains or small, family-owned hotels. Whichever you choose, a stay in a hotel is a relaxing experience. Facilities vary according to the size of the hotel, but most establishments offer room service, private bathrooms, parking and dining facilities. Some of the larger hotels may also provide exercise rooms, laundry facilities, and 24-hour concierge as well as Internet access for those who want to keep in touch with home.

HOSTELS

If you want to travel as economically as possible, then hostels are a good choice. Located throughout Ontario, hostels serve the needs of hikers, nature lovers, cyclists, or those who want safe, clean accommodation with some creature comforts at a low price, usually \$15 to \$20 per night. Accommodation may be in small dormitories or private rooms. While some may provide dining facilities, the majority are self-catering so be prepared to take your own food. Informal and friendly, hostels are a great way to meet fellow travellers.

For more information, contact:
Backpacker's Hostels Canada
1594 Lakeshore Drive
Longhouse Village
10-1, RR 13
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E4
Tel: (807) 983-2042
Fax: (807) 983-2914
longhouse@microage-tb.com
www.backpackers.ca

Hostelling International-Canada National Office
205 Catherine Street, Suite 400
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1C3
Tel: 1-800-663-5777
or (613) 237-7884
Fax: (613) 237-7868
hostel@hostelling.com
www.hostelling.com

HOUSEBOATS

Whether you're in the Northwest at Sioux Narrows or want to anchor yourself in and around the Kawarthas, a houseboat is a great alternative to land-based accommodation. Best of all, houseboats let you cruise the water in land-style comfort. Most modern houseboats come well equipped with all conveniences such

as TV/VCR, microwaves, generators, refrigerators, three-piece bathrooms, and hot and cold running water. The spacious deck acts as an observation deck, or your own fishing spot or private place to soak up the sun. Best of all, no experience is necessary to navigate a houseboat. They are easy to operate and most rental packages come complete with a course in navigation, a guidebook and safety tips.

Call 1-800-ONTARIO to explore houseboating opportunities.

CAMPING

Camping in Ontario offers a range of outdoor experiences – from the hardy backpacker intent on discovering the more remote areas of Ontario's wilderness, to the family intent on enjoying an outdoor experience with some creature comforts nearby.



Many provincial parks and national parks have safe, clean, fully-serviced campgrounds, many of them tucked peacefully by lakes and beaches. And don't forget about the camping in Ontario's conservation areas. These are widely available throughout the province and offer the opportunity to experience nature in some of Ontario's pristine landscapes. Nature lovers will enjoy the combination of camping mixed with on-site opportunities to hike, study nature, fish, birdwatch, and rock-climb. Check ahead to see if you require reservations.

Approximately 400 privately-owned and operated campgrounds are also available throughout Ontario. Clean, safe and enjoyment-oriented, many of these campsites have additional recreational facilities such as tennis courts and heated pools.

Camping in Ontario is a popular activity, especially on holiday weekends. Once you know where you want to go, be sure to call ahead for reservations.



You can find information on Ontario's 270-plus provincial parks on the Internet at www.OntarioParks.com or call (705) 755-PARK.

For more information on other camping opportunities, contact:

CONSERVATION PARKS:

Conservation Ontario
Box 11, 120 Bayview Parkway
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4W3
Tel: (905) 895-0716
Fax: (905) 895-0751
conserve@idirect.com

PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS:

Ontario Private Campground Association
RR 5, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 5N7
Reservations: 1-800-353-4313
Tel: (519) 371-3393
Fax: (519) 371-0080
opca@headwaters.com
www.campgrounds.org

NATIONAL PARKS:

Canadian Heritage-Parks Canada
111 Water Street East
Cornwall, Ontario K6H 6S3
Tel: 1-800-839-8221
or (613) 938-5866
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From rivers that race to the challenges of a steep rock face, Ontario's natural resources lend themselves to adventure and personal challenge. Here are some exciting activities and where to find them.

WHITEWATER RAFTING AND JETBOATING

Whitewater rafting is nature's "rapid" transit, a natural adventure in the fast-flowing rivers throughout the province. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced rafter, an Ontario whitewater experience is certain to take your breath away. Some of the province's best whitewater rafting is found along scenic stretches of the Madawaska and Ottawa Rivers in eastern Ontario.

From April to September, whitewater rafting in Ontario can be a one-day highlight of your trip, a two-day mini break from your travel schedule, or the major focus of your entire holiday. Numerous companies offer guided whitewater trips, providing experienced raft pilots, pre-trip instruction and complete safety equipment. Minimum age and weight requirements apply.

Operators cater to the whole family with day camps and other supervised activities for children. Family float trips are also available.

For a really unforgettable whitewater experience, where better to go than the largest, wildest whitewater on earth - Niagara! Not a raft, but a jetboat, takes you up the river through the exhilarating Niagara Gorge, right to the famous Whirlpool Rapids. Thanks to your professional jetboat captain, this is whitewater at its most thrilling.

ROCK CLIMBING AND ICE CLIMBING

Rock climbing is a mind/body workout where you strategically climb your way up a cliff face toward the sky. With Ontario's many dynamic rock formations, opportunities for climbing here are numerous. In fact, boulder, rock and ice climbers of all skill levels have a myriad of choices in Ontario.

In the southwest you can test your techniques on more than 300 limestone climbs along the Niagara Escarpment, between Rattlesnake Point near Milton and Owen Sound,



240 km to the north. In the north too, there's excellent climbing near Thunder Bay, at one of the province's most impressive crags, the Sleeping Giant. The region north of Lake Superior attracts climbers to sites near Quetico Provincial Park and Kenora. In the Sudbury area, more than 20 outcrops have been developed with additional climbing areas being added every year. Visitors to eastern Ontario can climb magnificent Bon Echo Rock and other crags

around Mazinaw Lake and Kingston. Farther east are many sites along the Ottawa River near Pembroke. For climbers who don't let winter stop them, ice climbing can be done near Thunder Bay and Collingwood.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

If you like the rough and tumble thrills of mountain biking, then don't miss out on Ontario. Here you'll find trails that lead you through old-growth forests right into the



province's back country. A favourite haunt for the mountain bike enthusiast is Algonquin Park, with its seemingly endless network of winding trails. For the intrepid adventurer who likes to be radically challenged, there are opportunities galore in Ontario's Algoma Highlands and the countless access roads that lead into northern Ontario's wilderness areas.

*For more information on mountain biking, contact:
Ontario Cycling Association
1185 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 408
North York, Ontario M3C 3C6
Tel: (416) 426-7242
Fax: (416) 426-7349
www.ontariocycling.org*

WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

There's no better way to see Ontario than the way our ancestors did - by boat, by foot, by experiencing the wilderness step by step. Throughout

Ontario there are many guided wilderness tours that allow you to combine canoeing, hiking, rock climbing and camping in some of our more scenic areas.

SCUBA DIVING

Whether you're an experienced diver or just starting out, Ontario's Great Lakes offer dynamic underwater experiences. Discover what lies below the surface as you plunge into deep, clear lakes full of fish, plant life and shipwrecks, including one in Lake Huron dating back to 1679. Surprisingly, there are over 4,000 shipwrecks at the bottom of the Great Lakes, each with its own fascinating story. A great place to explore shipwrecks, more than 200 of them, is at the western end of Lake Erie at Pigeon Bay, near Point Pelee.

If you choose to dive in Lake Ontario, most of the activity centres around the picturesque city of Kingston, the western entrance to the Thousand Islands. Here you'll find the well preserved wreck of the paddle steamer Comet, sunk in 1861, and the three-masted schooner George A. March, undisturbed in 22 metres of water since 1917. Lakes Superior and Huron also feature prime locations that attract and reward divers of all levels.

Fathom Five National Marine Park, the centre of scuba diving activity in the province and a favourite haunt for divers, is located just north of Tobermory at the tip of the beautiful Bruce Peninsula in



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Georgian Bay. Encompassing 19 islands, Fathom Five National Marine Park is a diver's delight with its clear water, unique geological formations and its labyrinth of "sea" caves. Here divers and snorkellers of all experience levels can choose between 23 dive site locations, many containing 19th century shipwrecks.

For more information on scuba diving in Ontario, contact:
Fathom Five National Marine Park
Box 189
Bruce Peninsula National Park
Tobermory, Ontario N0H 2R0
Tel: (519) 596-2233
Fax: (519) 596-2298
http://parkscanada.pch.gc.ca/parks/ontario/fathom_five/fathom_five.htm

Ontario Underwater Council
1185 Eglinton Avenue East
Suite 306
North York, Ontario M3C 3C6
Tel: (416) 426-7035
Fax: (416) 426-7336
ouc@idirect.com
www.divemar.com/ouc/

SEA KAYAKING TOURS

Sea kayaking is the ideal way to discover Ontario's shorelines and islands. Physically challenging yet mentally relaxing, a sea kayak is built to tackle any water condition from calm to rough, allowing you to chart areas inaccessible by other watercraft.

The Great Lakes coastline is one of the fastest growing destinations for sea kayaking, with over 3,000 km of shoreline on four of the Great Lakes.

Other prime sea kayaking areas include the 30,000 Islands on the northeast coast of Georgian Bay and the north shore of Lake Superior.

WINDSURFING

Ontario is truly a windsurfer's paradise, with locales and conditions to match any level of skill. We offer long stretches of open water where winds gather and carry you into bays and inlets, or special spots where



islands and headlands funnel and build on shore breezes to really make you move.

If you're a novice, develop your skill and confidence along any of our hundreds of safe, clean beaches dotting inland lakes and rivers. More experienced windsurfers will find the ocean-like conditions of our big lakes both challenging and exciting. Some of our more popular windsurfing spots include Lake Simcoe (45 minutes north of Toronto), Wasaga Beach on Georgian Bay (the world's longest freshwater beach), Port Elgin and Grand Bend on the shores of Lake Huron, Turkey Point Provincial Park on Lake Erie, and areas around Kingston. Sarnia, in southwestern Ontario, lays claim to the third best wind conditions in the world! Most of Ontario's finest windsurfing is located in the popular resort areas around the province.

For more information on windsurfing in Ontario, contact:
Canadian Master's
Windsurfing Association
568 Ontario St.
Toronto, Ontario M4X 1M7
Tel: (416) 323-9661

Ontario Sailing Association
65 Guise St. E.
Hamilton, Ontario L8L 8B4
Tel: (905) 572-7245
Fax: (905) 572-6056
sailon@osrc.com
www.sailon.org

AERIAL SPORTS

If it's a sky-high thrill you're after, there's no better way to find it than by taking a leap into Ontario's big, blue sky. Whether you hanglide, paraglide or skydive, all offer the thrill and excitement of flying high over treetops and fields.

The town of Claremont is home to hangliding and paragliding operators and instructors, while Grand Bend Airport offers skydiving instruction and jumps. Or why not try air combat. No flight experience is required.



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SPELUNKING (CAVE EXPLORING)

Ontario has over 200 places where you can experience a spot of caving, with its plant life, fossils and interesting rock formations. Some are easily accessible and require little more than sensible footwear, while others are more challenging. On the Niagara Escarpment, caves are found at Collingwood, as well as sites at Bruce's Caves Conservation Area and Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area.

At Greig's Scenic Caves on the Bruce Peninsula, you'll discover the caves made famous in the movie, *Quest for Fire*. Subterranean passages in the northeast include Warsaw Caves Conservation Area, near Peterborough. For caving closer to Toronto, there's Rockwood Conservation Area.

For more information on caving in Ontario, contact:

ONTARIO'S PLAYGROUND:

Collingwood's Scenic Caves Nature Preserve
Box 215, Collingwood,
Ontario L9Y 3Z5
Tel: (705) 446-0256
Fax: (705) 446-0256

Bruce's Caves Conservation Area
c/o Grey Sauble
Conservation Authority
RR 4, Inglis Falls Road
Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 5N6
Tel: (519) 376-3076
Fax: (519) 371-0437



Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area c/o Halton Region

Conservation Authority
2596 Britannia Road West
RR 2, Milton, Ontario L9T 2X6
Tel: (905) 336-1158
or (905) 878-1147
Fax: (905) 336-7014

Warsaw Caves Conservation Area
Otonabee Region
Conservation Authority
380 Armour Road
Time Square, Suite 200
Peterborough, Ontario K9H 7L7
Tel: (705) 745-5791
Fax: (705) 745-7488

BOATING

Ontario offers countless opportunities to explore our lakes, rivers and locks in an easy, leisurely manner.

Discover what it's like to navigate your own houseboat and get lifted by a lock; it's all part of your day. And, of course, if you want to fish en route, just drop the line over. The Trent-Severn Waterway is a house-boating paradise with its 386-km string of lakes and rivers once used by aboriginal people and early explorers to take them between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay. This waterway system features 44 locks, including the largest hydraulic lift lock in the world at Peterborough.

Farther south, there's the Rideau Canal, the historic waterway that links the cities of Kingston and Ottawa. The sights here are pastoral with gently rolling farmland, grazing cattle and small villages and towns ... no wonder houseboating is considered so restful.

Of course there are lots of other boating opportunities too, like sailing, motorboating, cruising and more.

For more information on boating in Ontario, contact:

Ontario Marina Operators Association
4 Cataraqui St., Suite 211
Kingston, Ontario K7K 1Z7
Tel: (613) 547-6662
Fax: (613) 547-6813
omoa@marinasontario.com
www.marinasontario.com

GOLF

Not only is Toronto the third largest golfing mecca in the world, but throughout Ontario you'll find 600 publicly accessible courses.



Some of the most challenging courses are those where the pros come and play. In and around Toronto there's Glen Abbey, designed by world-famous golf pro, Jack Nicklaus, and now home of the Canadian Open; St. Andrews Valley, Canada's highest rated course; Lionhead, renowned for its scenic beauty; while Royal Woodbine is not far from Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

On Lake Simcoe, and only an hour from Toronto, there's The Briars, with its century-old pines and maples. Hockley Valley, 45 minutes from Toronto has been designed in traditional Scottish-style. In the southwest, at picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake, you can play on North America's oldest golf course. Also in the southwest there's Peninsula Lakes, Links of Rockway Glen, Beechwood and Whirlpool golf courses – all in the Niagara area.

Eastbound golfers can find greens galore in Ballantrae, Belleville, Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall, Gananoque, Ottawa and Renfrew.

Golfing in the north provides

golfers with big blue skies, vast challenges, and more than a touch of the rough! Golf courses here are located in: French River, Sturgeon Falls, Parry Sound, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, Thunder Bay, Balmertown, Kenora, Sioux Lookout, North Bay and other communities.

Pick up a copy of *Golf Ontario Style magazine* at any Ontario Travel Information Centre, and for more information on golfing in Ontario, contact:

Ontario Golf Association
Golf House Ontario
2768 Davis Dr., RR 3
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4W1
Tel: (905) 853-8511
Fax: (905) 853-0803
www.oga.org

CANOEING

Canoeing allows the chance to experience peace on lakes, adventure on rivers, and the opportunity to discover coves, beaches and islands dotted along our countless canoe routes. Some of the best canoeing can be found in our parks. Here are a few key areas: Algonquin Park, with its hundreds of kilometres of lakes and rivers; Quetico Provincial Park, west of Thunder Bay with 1,500 km of canoe routes, virgin forests, waterfalls, cliffs and wildlife. Near North Bay



there's Temagami, where old growth forests and lakes provide the perfect setting for over 2,560 km of canoe routes.

Canada's largest national park, Pukaskwa National Park, located on the northeast corner of Lake Superior, offers endless canoe routes amid vast stretches of wilderness. The Route of the Voyageurs meanders throughout northern Ontario and

HOUSEBOATING, BIRDWATCHING, UP THE WORD SPELUNKING.

follows waterways used by the fur trades of long ago, stretching along the rugged shore of Georgian Bay. Killarney Provincial Park also offers great canoeing, and glimpses of the area's famous quartz cliffs. In southern Ontario, the Grand River takes you past small towns and soothing farmland, as well as through the Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve.



Surprisingly, canoeing opportunities also exist in many of Ontario's urban centres.

For more information on canoeing in Ontario, contact:

Canoe Ontario
1185 Eglinton Ave. E.
North York, Ontario M3C 3C6
Tel: (416) 426-7170
Fax: (416) 426-7363
www.canoeontario.on.ca

BICYCLE TOURS

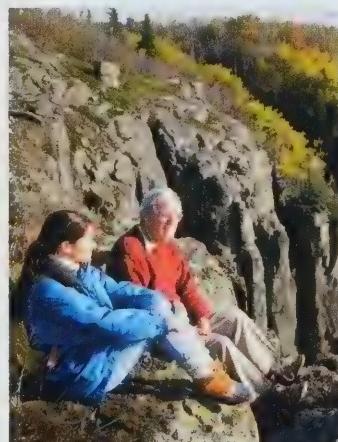
A bike tour of Ontario takes you on quiet roads past scenic countryside. Whether you're pedalling your way around the Muskokas, changing gear in Algonquin Park, following the Wine Route in the Niagara Peninsula, or happily finding your way around Toronto's ravines and lakeshore, a bicycle is a great way to see Ontario. Bring your own and find your own way, or check out the many Ontario-based tour firms that provide packages, including bike and accommodation.

For more information on cycling in Ontario, contact:
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North York, Ontario M3C 3C6
Tel: (416) 426-7242
Fax: (416) 426-7349
www.ontariocycling.org

HIKING AND NATURE TOURS

Ontario's the perfect place to take a hike, spot a bird and discover our diverse natural history and ecological environment. One of the best hikes in the world exists right here: The Bruce Trail, with its 782 kilometres of trails, embraces over 100 parks as it winds its way north from Queenston to Tobermory along the Niagara Escarpment.

The Rideau Trail is a 415 km trail that follows history as it traces its way between Ottawa and Kingston. Whether you're a dyed-in-the-wool hiker, or just wanting a nature walk where you can discover more about Ontario, there are trails for you. Most of our conservation areas have designated day and half-day hikes you can happily, and safely, explore on your own. Ontario's provincial parks also offer great hiking opportunities. One of the most accessible wilderness experiences can be found in Algonquin Park, where day and overnight wilderness hikes are readily available. To the west, Lake Superior Provincial Park provides awe-inspiring hikes along the rugged, meandering coastline of Lake Superior. At



Thunder Bay in the northwest, you'll find 80 km of trails, and the spectacular sight of the 244-metre cliffs of the Sleeping Giant at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. For those intent on a more rugged experience, there are guided wilderness hikes available in many parts of Ontario. Suggested kit for the road: Binoculars, camera, plant and bird spotting books, and of course, a comfortable pair of hiking boots.



For more information, contact:
Hike Ontario
1185 Eglinton Avenue East
North York, Ontario M3C 3C6
Tel: (416) 426-7362
Fax: (416) 426-7421
www3.sympatico.ca/hikers.net/HIKE_ONT.HTM

BIRDWATCHING

Snow geese, warblers, loons, bald eagles, white pelicans ... Ontario has over 400 varieties of wild birds and a range of breeding grounds. Many of them, like Toronto's Leslie Street Spit, are located in urban areas, making birdwatching one of the more accessible of nature's pastimes. If you're interested in birdspotting, here are some places to head.

Point Pelee National Park is one of the world's greatest natural bird sanctuaries. Here, during the spring migration you'll find tundra swans, and thousands of ducks, orioles, scarlet tanagers, Kentucky warblers and more. When in the area, go to Long Point National Park, where additional birdwatching opportunities are available.

The Niagara Escarpment is also a popular birdwatching spot, while Rondeau Provincial Park – a spit near Point Pelee – serves as a breeding ground for 120 species of birds, including Acadian flycatchers, Forster's terns, Virginia rails and bald eagles. In the northeast, Algonquin Park is a breeding ground for 130 species with almost 250 sighted species. Each terrain – water, hardwood forest, and coniferous forest – supports its own species providing rich and rewarding birdwatching.

If pelicans, herons, bald eagles and waterfowl are on your spotter's list, head to Lake of the Woods in northern Ontario.

For more information on birdwatching in Ontario, contact:
Federation of Ontario Naturalists
355 Lesmill Road
Don Mills, Ontario M3B 2W8
Tel: 1-800-440-2366
or (416) 444-8419
Fax: (416) 444-9866
www.web.net/fon

ONTARIO'S SOUTHWEST:

Point Pelee National Park
RR 1, Leamington, Ontario
N8H 3V4
Tel: (519) 322-2371
Fax: (519) 322-1277

BALLOONING

Hot air ballooning is a memorable experience that soars you high (about 650 metres!) and floats you over our woods, forest and pastures. For sheer glory, try a sunrise flight and watch dawn break as you rise into the sky. To enhance the romance of the experience, many companies offer picnics or champagne toasts as part of the ride. And of course, all companies operate on a "weather permitting" basis. Balloon rides are available in the Toronto area, southwestern Ontario (including Ayr), Waterdown, Barrie and the Ottawa area.

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Whether you want to dip a hook or try some more serious fishing, Ontario is an angler's paradise. Nowhere else can boast such a catch. Think of it: The largest freshwater lakes in the world, a huge diversity of fish, and Walleye in abundance (over 4.7 million kg caught every year). What's more, there's an entire range of experiences that allow you to "go remote" at fly-in camps in the Northwest and Northeast, or cast a line on day-trips in Ontario's Playground.

Come equipped, buy, or rent at any one of the outfitters throughout Ontario. There are boats to charter, guided trips, fishing packages, or be your own guide and take yourself to a place where there's just you and the fish. Discover the riches of a tackle and bait shop, the hub of commerce in any small Ontario lakeside town. Here, they'll rent and repair, provide fishing licences, and in addition to man-made lures, they stock the ubiquitous live bait - worms, leeches, frogs, crayfish and roe. And of course, it's here you'll take in the many tales of "The One That Got Away."

Wherever you choose to go, remember, you'll need an Outdoor Card and a fishing licence before you bait up. Licences and copies of Ontario's fishing regulations are available at most tackle and bait stores and Ministry of Natural Resources offices across Ontario. When you're picking up your licence, ask the issuer about local fishing opportunities.

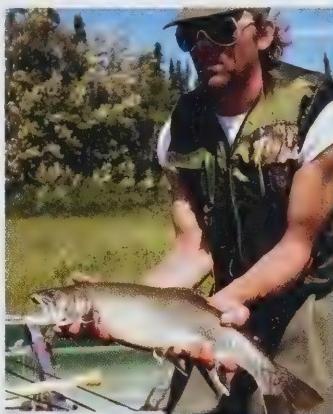
Whether you spinfish, fly fish, are a dedicated bass angler, or just like to race minnows, Ontario is the place to drop your line.

For more information, contact:

Ontario Sportfishing
Guides Association
40 Sherwood Road East
Ajax, Ontario L1T 2Y9
Tel: (905) 683-3214
or (416) FISH-123
Fax: (905) 683-2872

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Natural Resources
Information Centre
Macdonald Block, Room M1-73
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C1
Tel: (416) 314-2000

Northern Ontario Tourist
Outfitters Association
269 Main St. W., Suite 408
North Bay, Ontario P1B 2T8
Tel: (705) 472-5552
Fax: (705) 472-0621
<http://virtualnorth.com/noto/>



ONTARIO'S NORTHWEST

In the Northwest, north of Lake Superior and all the way west to Lake of the Woods and Kenora, trophy fishing prevails in pristine lakes. This is where the air is pure, and life revolves around, well, fishing. Muskellunge, Rainbow Trout and more all make their home here in abundance.

The renowned Albany and Ogoki river systems are favourites among anglers for the sought after Walleye and the fighting Northern Pike. Lakes here team with Yellow Perch, WhiteFish, Speckled Trout and Lake Trout. And while this is all serious angling, the Northwest also offers fresh-air fun and a time-of-your-life experience in wild, beautiful terrain.

For more information on fishing in Ontario's Northwest, contact:
North of Superior Tourism
1119 Victoria Ave. E.
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 1B7
Tel: 1-800-265-3951
or (807) 626-9420
Fax: (807) 626-9421
nosta@microage-tb.com
www.nosta.on.ca



Ontario's Sunset Country
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Box 647T, 102 Main St., Suite 201
Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X6
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or (807) 468-5853
Fax: (807) 468-5484
info@ontariosunsetcountry.ca
www.ontariosunsetcountry.ca

ONTARIO'S NORTHEAST

The historic French River of fur-trading days is long over. Today, instead of voyageurs plying the waters, you'll find fishing enthusiasts. Yellow Pickerel/Walleye can be found in the many channels around the mouth of the river, joined by other game fish.

North Bay, Lake Nipissing's fishing centre, plays host to summer fishing tournaments as anglers from all over Ontario fish for Pickerel, Pike, Sturgeon, Muskie and Whitefish. North of North Bay there's Marten River, home of the Northern Pike as well as countless other fish. Here you can find fishing lodges, as well as campsites in Marten River Provincial Park.

And of course, Lake Nipissing itself. Start at Callander and explore the lake from there. There are cottages, camp and trailer sites galore to set up base camp.

With its hundreds of lakes, fishing lodges, and campgrounds, Temagami is an idyll for the fishing buff. Lake Trout, Walleye/Pickerel, Smallmouth Bass, Pike and Whitefish abound. Take a break from fishing and visit the fish hatchery in Temagami.

Lake Superior Provincial Park, located 15 km south of Wawa on Highway 17, has two campgrounds for fishing families. Fishing here takes place along the Highway 17 corridor where access is easy. Enjoy that trout! In the same area, Obatanga Provincial Park offers sport fishing during the open season.

White Lake Provincial Park, 35 km west of White River and 123 km west of Wawa on Highway 17, is

considered a top-notch fishing spot in Northern Ontario for Walleye and Northern Pike. A Fish Expo Weekend runs in July, an event for the whole family with minnow races, angling demonstrations, fish fry, evening campfire and more.

Point your compass north and you find yourself in the areas north of Sudbury - Elk Lake, Gogama and more. It's here that unspoiled wilderness fills out your fishing experience.

For more information on fishing in Ontario's Northeast, contact:
Almaguin-Nipissing
Travel Association

Regional Information Centre
1375 Seymour Street and
North Bay Bypass, P.O. Box 351
North Bay, Ontario P1B 8H5
Tel: 1-800-387-0516
or (705) 474-6634
Fax: (705) 474-9271
anta@vianet.on.ca
www.ontariosnearnorth.on.ca

Rainbow Country Travel Association
2726 Whippoorwill Avenue
Sudbury, Ontario P3G 1E9
Tel: 1-800-465-6655
or (705) 522-0104
Fax: (705) 522-3132
rainbow@vianet.on.ca
www.rainbowcountry.com

Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association
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Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 1Z9
Tel: 1-800-263-2546
or (705) 254-4293
Fax: (705) 254-4892
www.algomacountry.com

Cochrane Timiskaming
Travel Association
P.O. Bag 920, 76 McIntyre Rd.
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ONTARIO'S PLAYGROUND

The fishing enthusiast can happily explore Rice Lake and the sweet-sounding lakes of the Kawarthas – Lovesick, Buckhorn, Pigeon, Sturgeon, Stony and Balsam, Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching.

Georgina, about an hour's drive north of Toronto, is the ice fishing capital of Canada, but even when the snow melts there's a lure for the fishing fanatic. Lindsay, located on the Trent-Severn Waterway, is also a hub for ice fishing.

For more information on fishing in Ontario's Playground, contact:

Simcoe Georgian Bay Marketing
Simcoe County Building
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0
Tel: 1-800-487-6642
or (705) 726-8502
Fax: (705) 726-3991

Getaway Country
Box 539
Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0
Tel: 1-800-461-1912
or (613) 332-1513
Fax: (613) 332-8089

ONTARIO'S SOUTHEAST

In the Southeast there's the Bay of Quinte near Belleville, a haven for sports fishing enthusiasts on the lookout for Walleye, Pike and Bass. Muskellunge your choice of catch? Head to Burleigh Falls where you'll find Muskellunge swimming amid Smallmouth and Bigmouth Bass,



Perch, and Walleye/Pickerel. Gananoque, on the St. Lawrence River, offers fishing within an urban setting of historic buildings and museums. Head farther east and you reach the ribbon of lakes of the Rideau Canal, and of course, the Land O' Lakes area. Here, from Tweed to Denbigh, and from Kingston's outskirts to Napanee, the fishing is superb in over 450 lakes surrounded by rugged Canadian Shield and forest.

For more information on fishing in Ontario's Southeast, contact:

Getaway Country
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Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0
Tel: 1-800-461-1912
or (613) 332-1513
Fax: (613) 332-8089

Ontario East Tourism Association
RR 1, Reynolds Road
and 1000 Islands Parkway
Lansdowne, Ontario K0E 1L0
Tel: 1-800 567-3278
or (613) 659-4300
Fax: (613) 659-4306

ONTARIO'S SOUTHWEST

Lakes Erie, Ontario, Huron and the mighty Niagara River are all part of Southwestern Ontario, also known as bluewater country. Specifically, the blue waters of Lake Huron and Lake Erie offer good fishing and beautiful sandy beaches in its many attractive shoreline communities. The Maitland

River near Goderich also offers fine fishing. Down on Lake Erie are more warm, sandy beaches in fishing villages, including Port Stanley and Port Burwell.

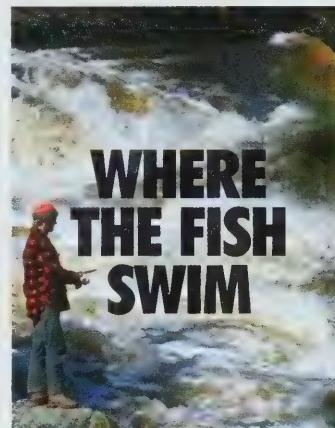
For more information on fishing in Ontario's Southwest, contact:

Southwestern Ontario Travel Association
4023 Meadowbrook Drive, Suite 112
London, Ontario N6L 1E7
Tel: 1-800-661-6804
or (519) 652-1391
Fax: (519) 652-0533

Niagara and Mid-Western Ontario Travel Association
180 Greenwich St.
Brantford, Ontario N3S 2X6
Tel: 1-800-267-3399
or (519) 756-3230
Fax: (519) 756-3231
festival@niagara-midwest-ont.com
www.niagara-midwest-ont.com/

Perch: Lake Erie, St. Lawrence River, Lake Simcoe, Lake St. Clair, Georgian Bay

Rainbow Trout: Manitoulin Island, Algoma, Upper Lake Superior, rivers and shoreline of Georgian Bay bounded by Owen Sound on the west and Port Severn on the east, Lake Huron and Lake Ontario east to Cobourg



Brook Trout: Nipigon, Algoma, Algonquin Park

Brown Trout: Streams flowing into the Great Lakes area

Coho Salmon: Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, Lake Huron

Lake Trout: Lake Temagami, Manitoulin Island, Algoma and Thunder Bay districts, Algonquin Park

Largemouth Bass: Throughout Southern Ontario. Best areas are Kawartha Lakes, Huronia and north of Belleville.

Muskellunge: Georgian Bay and the North Channel, Lake Nipissing, French River, Lake of the Woods, Eagle Lake

Northern Pike: Lake Abitibi, Georgian Bay, Kapuskasing, Geraldton, Sioux Lookout

Smallmouth Bass: Lake Simcoe, St. Lawrence River, Pelee Island, Georgian Bay, Thunder Bay, Temagami and Kenora regions, fishing islands of Lake Huron, and inland lakes of Grey and Bruce counties

Smelt: Turkey Point, Port Rowan, Port Stanley and other Lake Erie ports, Georgian Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay

Splake: Only in Ontario! A cross between a speckled trout and a lake trout developed right here. Southern Georgian Bay, Owen Sound and Wiarton areas.

Walleye: Georgian Bay, Lake Nipissing, Kawarthas, Lac des Mille Lacs, Lac Seul, Temiskaming and Temagami Districts

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ASIDE FROM A SLEEPING BAG, TENT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO ANSWER



There are hundreds of provincial and national parks, as well as conservation areas in Ontario. Some are unspoiled wilderness where eagles fly and pines stretch up into the sky. Others are family-oriented recreation parks – places set amid awesome terrains that offer camping, canoeing, fishing, birdwatching and the chance to stretch out and relax.

For more details on camping in Ontario parks, pick up your copy of the Ontario Parks Guide at an Ontario Travel Information Centre, or visit the Ontario Parks website at www.OntarioParks.com

*You may also contact:
Canadian Heritage-Parks Canada
111 Water Street East
Cornwall, Ontario K6H 6S3
Tel: (613) 938-5866
Fax: (613) 938-5785
<http://parkscanada.pch.gc.ca>*

*Conservation Ontario
Box 11, 120 Bayview Parkway
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4W3
Tel: (905) 895-0716
Fax: (905) 895-0751*



ONTARIO'S NORTHEAST

Algonquin Provincial Park

Located on the southern edge of the Canadian Shield between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River, Algonquin's 7,600 square kilometres straddle the highlands, which have become one of Ontario's favourite recreational areas. In a land of lakes, rivers and forests, Ontario's second largest provincial park provides the ideal environment for outdoor recreation. You can pitch your tent at one of eight campgrounds located along Hwy 60 (most with sandy beaches), choose from three lodges, as well as enjoy a mountain bike trail with four loops. But remember, most of the park is accessible only by canoe or on foot.

There are outfitters both inside and outside the park, so rent a canoe and explore the 2,400 km of water routes winding throughout Algonquin or try one of two overnight hiking trails, and of course, fishing in the interior lakes for Brook Trout, Lake Trout and Bass.

The park is open all year. In winter, Algonquin offers three cross-country ski trails, as well as winter camping.

*For more information, contact:
Algonquin Provincial Park
Box 219, Whitney, Ontario
K0J 2M0
Tel: (705) 633-5572
Fax: (705) 633-5581*

Killarney Provincial Park

Named after the Killarney Mountains, this park is where A. Y. Jackson and the Group of Seven were inspired. Birch, maple, oak and pine forests are set against the ancient

white quartzite rocks of the La Cloche Mountains – a majestic place where canoeists and hikers can enjoy the wilderness. In the winter months there's cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and camping. Open all year. Located off Hwy 637, 61 km west of Hwy 69, southwest of Sudbury.

For more information, contact:

*Superintendent
Killarney Provincial Park
Killarney, Ontario P0M 2A0
Tel: (705) 287-2900
Fax: (705) 287-2893*

Lake Superior Provincial Park

Here's where you'll find rugged shoreline and back-country, all 1,556 square kilometres of it. Three campgrounds and various day-use areas are located along Hwy 17. There's fishing, and for the intrepid – back-country camping is accessible by canoeing or hiking. For those



Polar Bear Provincial Park

Raw, uncultivated, made of subarctic and arctic terrain, this park is for the experienced wilderness adventurer only. But for those who can leave comforts behind there are natural rewards. Here, by the James Bay coast, you'll find tundra and animal life, including black bear, polar bear, red fox, Arctic fox, wolf, otter, skunk, bearded seal, beaver, muskrat, moose and caribou. Also a paradise for bird-watchers, there are Canada goose, snow goose, black duck, pintail, green winged teal, common goldeneye, oldsquaw and more.

Open June to October. Located on the west shoreline of James Bay and the southern shoreline of Hudson Bay, approximately 480 km northwest of Moosonee. Access is by charter air only, out of Moosonee, Hearst, Peawanuck and Cochrane.

Be sure to obtain a landing permit beforehand from the Ministry of Natural Resources at Moosonee. A special permit is also required to visit the park, and can be obtained from: Park Superintendent, Ontario Parks P.O. Box 730 Cochrane, Ontario P0L 1C0

ONTARIO'S NORTHWEST

Quetico Provincial Park

One of the larger provincial parks in northwestern Ontario near Atikokan, this vast 4,655 km largely undeveloped park is the crown of Ontario's canoe routes.

Game fish – Lake Trout, Bass, Northern Pike and Pickerel – abound in the Quetico lakes. Naturalists will enjoy the many amphibians and reptiles, as well as beaver, muskrat, porcupine, wolves, mink, martin, fisher, otter, lynx, white tailed deer, moose and black bear. If you want to canoe, be sure to reserve beforehand. Open all year.

For general information, call the park at (807) 597-2735.

Pukaskwa National Park

A wilderness park that lives up to its name of being "a wild shore of an inland sea," Pukaskwa is located on Lake Superior near Marathon. Pukaskwa National Park has many great back-country facilities, including a 60 km coastal hiking

AND CANOE, YOU ONLY NEED ONE THE CALL OF THE WILD. A PHONE.

trail, whitewater canoe routes, and canoeing and kayaking along the Superior coastline. There is also a 67-site campground, Visitor Centre, and day use centre with basic amenities located in Hattie Cove, at the northwest side of the park. Open all year. Facilities at Hattie Cove from early-June to late-September. Access Hattie Cove from Hwy 627, off Hwy 17.

For more information, contact:
Superintendent
Pukaskwa National Park, Box 39
Hwy 627, Hattie Cove
Heron Bay, Ontario P0T 1R0
Tel: 1-800 839-8221
or (807) 229-0801



ONTARIO'S PLAYGROUND

Bruce Peninsula National Park
Here's where you'll discover the landscapes of the Niagara Escarpment, plus camping and hiking trails, and cross-country skiing in winter. The Singing Sands area of the park is a nature reserve encompassing a large beach area. Facilities, including trailer and tent camping, are available at beautiful Cypress Lake. Open mid-June to September. Access through the Visitor Centre at Tobermory.

For more information, contact:
Visitor Services
Bruce Peninsula National Park
PO Box 189
Tobermory, Ontario N0H 2R0
Tel: (519) 596-2263
Fax: (519) 596-2298

Fathom Five National Marine Park

An underwater park, Fathom Five National Marine Park is located north of Tobermory. It's a favourite haunt of scuba divers who swim its waters to find shipwrecks, geological formations, aquatic plants, fish and crayfish. Dive boats are available locally for charter. For non-divers, there are glass-bottom boats. For campers wishing to explore the

19 islands in the area, there's camping on Flowerpot Island at six primitive campsites. Open mid-June through September.

For more information, contact:
Fathom Five National Marine Park
PO Box 189, Tobermory, Ontario
N0H 2R0
Tel: (519) 596-2263

Georgian Bay Islands National Park
Instant access to cottage country! This park is comprised of 59 islands, or portions of island, in the southeastern part of Georgian Bay. At 11 square kilometres, Beausoleil Island is the largest in the park. During fall and spring migrations, quiet canoeists may spot nesting waterfowl – wood ducks, mallards, loons and American mergansers. Also a tree lover's paradise, the area boasts hemlock, cedar and fir growing among maple, beech, oak, birch and the soft green of countless beautiful white pines. Game fish flourish in the Georgian Bay area, and you'll find Pickerel, Northern Pike, Black Crappie, Lake Whitefish, Muskellunge and Bass.

The park is open all year (subject to ice conditions in winter). Camping is permitted year-round with summer camping season from mid-May through mid-October. The park headquarters is at Honey Harbour, with access off Hwy 69 via Muskoka Road 5. Access the islands by water taxi from Honey Harbour.

For more information, contact:
Georgian Bay Islands National Park
Box 28
Honey Harbour, Ontario POE 1E0
Tel: 1-800-839-8221
or (705) 756-2415

ONTARIO'S SOUTHWEST

Point Pelee National Park

Located at the southernmost point on mainland Canada, and one of the best locations in North America to observe spring bird migrations, this park has the justifiable reputation of being a birdwatcher's paradise.

Go in April and you'll find waterfowl migrating through the park. In May, warblers follow their path. In the autumn, monarch butterflies perch in the trees on their long journey south. Hawks also fly this way on their journey south – their annual migration is spectacular.

As well as nature observation, Point Pelee is a place to enjoy with beaches for swimming, trails to hike, and bicycles and canoes to rent. And of course, who would miss walking the boardwalk to see the marsh up close? Open all year with limited services November to April. Located 10 km south of Leamington.

For more information, contact:
Point Pelee National Park
RR 1, Leamington, Ontario
N8H 3V4
Tel: 1-800-839-8221
or (519) 322-2365



ONTARIO'S SOUTHEAST

St. Lawrence Islands National Park

As the name implies, this park consists of 21 islands or parts of islands that dot the St. Lawrence River. This is a visitor-friendly park where the family can enjoy a day out or camp for a longer stay. Gently developed, St. Lawrence Islands is an ideal place to visit to discover the area's natural and cultural heritage. Its mainland base at Mallorytown Landing has the remains of an 1817 British gunboat as well as a nature trail. For the camper, there are developed campsites at Mallorytown Landing, but those intent on a more basic camping experience will opt for the sites dotted throughout the islands. Picnic facilities are available on most of the islands accessible to the public. Boat rental and water taxis are available at commercial facilities on both sides of the St. Lawrence.

For more information, contact:
St. Lawrence Islands National Park
2 County Road 5, RR 3
Mallorytown, Ontario
K0E 1R0
Tel: 1-800-839-8221
or (613) 923-5261

Ontario's Private Campgrounds

The Ontario Private Campground Association's 400 privately-owned campgrounds, representing 70,000 campsites, offer a complete and varied camping experience – from the remote, unspoiled wilderness to sandy beaches, heated pools, tennis courts, amusement parks, outdoor theatres, etc. Whether you're camping in a tent or full-size recreational vehicle, or prefer a fully-serviced seasonal campsite, there is a campsite for you. The friendly park owners will ensure your camping experience is a success.

To reserve a campsite at a participating OPCA campground, call 1-800-353-4313. Copies of the OPCA's Camping in Ontario are available at any Ontario Travel Information Centre. You may also contact:

Ontario Private
Campground Association
RR 5, Owen Sound, Ontario
N4K 5N7
Tel: (519) 371-3393
Fax: (519) 371-0080
opca@headwaters.com
www.campgrounds.org

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WHETHER YOU TOUR ONTARIO BY CAR, FOR FUN AND EXCITEMENT, YOU'RE



ONTARIO'S NORTHEAST

Wilderness Tour

Duration: 8 Days+

Starting in Sault Ste. Marie, be sure to visit the Sault St. Marie Museum, where you'll find artifacts and memorabilia that vividly illustrate Northern Ontario's exciting history.

Before you hit the road, you may want to take the two-day trip on the historic Algoma Central Railway. Travelling a day each way, this old-fashioned train operates between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst, chugging through some of the most dynamic landscapes in all of Canada. The scenic one-day trip to the Agawa Canyon is also recommended.

On your return, drive east to Sudbury, the nickel capital of the world. Here you'll find the city's proudest landmark, the Big Nickel, a 9-metre high reproduction of a Canadian nickel. Science buffs will enjoy the interactive exhibits at Science North. If you prefer to "mine" for your information, take a tour of the Big Nickel Mine.

From Sudbury, head east to North Bay on Lake Nipissing. The world-famous Dionne Quintuplets were born in North Bay and their family home now houses the Dionne Quints Museum. If Lake Nipissing itself beckons, board the Chief Commander II and take in the scenic shoreline, or continue north to Temagami where you'll find beautiful old-growth forests and some of the best wilderness canoeing in Canada.

If you continue to drive north and then loop west, you'll find yourself in Timmins, the heart of Ontario's gold

country. There's no better way to learn about gold than in the underground Gold Mine Tour.

From Timmins, head north to Cochrane, where you can board the Polar Bear Express, a trip that takes you right up to the arctic shores of Hudson Bay at Moosonee. From Moosonee, travel by freighter canoe to the 300-year-old fur-trading settlement of Moose Factory Island.

As you wind your way back to Sault St. Marie, you'll find yourself driving through Wawa and the sublime wilderness beauty of Lake Superior Provincial Park, taking in the rugged beauty of the Lake Superior shoreline.

ONTARIO'S NORTHWEST

North Shore of Lake Superior

Duration: 8 Days+

At the edge of one of Ontario's truly great lakes, "wilderness" starts. Begin your tour in Sioux Narrows and you'll find yourself in sports country, where fishing, boating and wilderness camping thrive. Enhance your northern experience by continuing on to Kenora, where you can take a cruise aboard the M.S. Kenora and sail amid the area's 14,500 islands. From there, head back south and travel east to Atikokan to experience Quetico, a wilderness park known for its camping and canoe routes.

As you continue east toward Thunder Bay, stop to catch the wild-water glory of Kakabeka Falls, the north's "Niagara." Once in Thunder Bay, Old Fort William is a must-see. Formerly an active trading post, it's now an authentic reconstruction of

the original. Be sure to take in the "Great Rendez-Vous," a dramatic recreation of the annual meeting of fur trade company employees, voyageurs and native fur traders.

Thunder Bay is also where you'll find the Amethyst Mine Panorama, the largest gemstone mine in North America. Not far from Thunder Bay lies Ouimet Canyon, a preserved wilderness with "postcard perfect" views from two canyon-side viewing platforms.

After Ouimet Canyon, follow the north shore of Lake Superior through Nipigon and Rossport to Marathon, where you can explore the canoeing and hiking opportunities of Pukaskwa National Park, or continue to travel east to White River, the birthplace of A. A. Milne's famous bear, Winnie the Pooh.

Farther southwest at Wawa, you can visit the remote wilderness setting of Chapleau Game Preserve, or continue south to Lake Superior Provincial Park. Your journey ends in the "Soo," at Sault Ste. Marie. Busy yourself by taking a cruise through the Soo Lock, or take a trip into the wilderness on the Algoma Central Railway.

ONTARIO'S SOUTHEAST

Historic Eastern Ontario Tour

Duration: 3-4 Days

Historic places, fast flowing rivers and slow-boat cruises; here you'll find a bit of everything. At Morrisburg, take yourself back to 1860 with a visit to Upper Canada Village, with its historic buildings and period-costumed staff. Then drive onward to Ottawa, the nation's capital, where old and new, government and culture, happily co-exist.

Ottawa can be an afternoon stop on your road trip, or if time permits, spend a few days. With its government presence, museums, art galleries, theatres and restaurants, there's plenty to see and do. Start your visit with a nice lazy cruise down the Rideau Canal (or, if you come in winter ... a nice refreshing skate!). Then take a tour around the Parliament Buildings, taking in Ontario's most distinctive landmark, the Peace Tower, and catch the Changing of Guard.

Ottawa also boasts an array of museums, including the Canadian War Museum, the National Aviation Museum, the Canadian Museum of Nature, the National Museum of Science and Technology, the National Gallery and the Canadian Museum of Civilization in nearby Hull, Quebec. For displays of another kind, visit the Byward Market. This colourful market has wine bars, farmers' stalls, bars, nightclubs and boutiques.

Ottawa is also home to several world-famous festivals, including Canada's birthday, July 1. Canada Day is celebrated here with a day-long party on Parliament Hill complete with parades, aerial salutes and entertainment.

In and around Ottawa is the McDougall Mill Museum's pioneer artifacts at Renfrew, 19th century buildings at Merrickville, and not to be missed, the Hershey Chocolate Factory at Smiths Falls.

Once you head out of Ottawa, drive south to the lakeside town of Kingston with its limestone architecture, historic waterfront, and nearby Fort Henry with authentic military drills and cannon battles.

Now head west and take the ferry to Picton and Sandbanks Provincial



BOAT OR TRAIN, IF YOU'RE LOOKING HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Park, where there are plenty of bird-watching opportunities in the world's largest system of freshwater sand dunes.

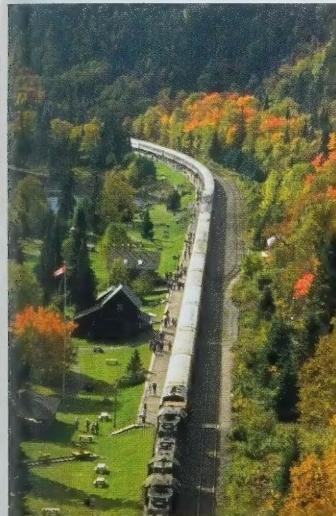
Trace your tracks back to Kingston and Gananoque, and wrap up your holiday with a spectacular Thousand Islands cruise.

ONTARIO'S PLAYGROUND

Call of the Loon Tour

Duration: 3-4 Days

Leave urban glass-and-metal canyons behind, and find yourself in lakeside places and green wild spaces. Once you leave Toronto, head 45 minutes



north to Kleinburg. Here, in the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, you'll discover the works of some of the best-known Canadian artists, the Group of Seven. Drive north to find the world's longest freshwater beach at the resort town of Wasaga Beach. Take a small journey north and you'll find Penetanguishene. Here, at the 19th century garrison and naval post, enjoy a sail on a historic Tall Ship. At Midland, see the Martyr's Shrine at Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, a reconstructed 16th-century Jesuit mission.

Next, drive east to Orillia, home of the famous Canadian humourist, Stephen Leacock, and visit the museum dedicated to his life. Discover the Muskoka Lakes aboard a 19th century steamship, R.M.S. Segwun. Or lay down your chips at Casino Rama near Orillia.

Now head north to Huntsville, the entranceway to Algonquin Provincial Park. Here you can hike marked

trails, or canoe any of the 1,600 km of canoe routes. Continue east through Algonquin Park and turn south to the town of Bancroft. Travel west to picturesque Haliburton, located in the Highland region, and then swing south to Peterborough and the fish-rich Kawartha Lakes.

Located on the Trent-Severn Waterway, Peterborough is a great place to rent a houseboat, arrange a fishing trip, and see the world's highest hydraulic lift lock. Just outside Peterborough you'll find Petroglyphs Provincial Park with its 1,000-year-old native rock carvings. From there travel south to picturesque Port Hope and return west to Toronto.

ONTARIO'S SOUTHWEST

Lake Huron Explorer Tour

Duration: 8 Days+

Prepare to enter a world of rolling country, traditional farms, tucked-away hamlets, small villages, roadside markets, wine fests and performing arts festivals.

Starting in Sarnia, take a peaceful tour up the east coast of Lake Huron, allowing time to stop at the small Ontario towns of Grand Bend and Bayfield. Continue north to the old-world charm of Goderich and then head on to Owen Sound. Here's where you can pick up the 782-kilometre long Bruce Trail. Take a hike, discover the scenic views, and spot some wildlife as you hike your way along the Niagara Escarpment.

Next, point your compass north to Tobermory. Here, in the Bruce Peninsula National Park, you can take a glass-bottom boat cruise to discover shipwrecks, spot a peregrine falcon, search for fossils, explore Flower Pot Island, and much more.

Now take the car ferry to Manitoulin Island, and while you're there hike the aptly named "Cup and Saucer Trail," see the Bridal Veil Falls, and take in some native culture.

From Manitoulin, head north off the island to Sudbury. Here, you'll find museums and art centres, but be sure not to miss taking a tour of the local geological mystery, the rim of the Sudbury Basin.

Drive the coast route along Georgian Bay southeast to Parry Sound and enjoy a cruise through the



Stay overnight and enjoy a play at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Spirit of the Southwest Tour

Duration: 3-4 Days

From Big City excitement to heritage moments, wine routes, birdwatching, and a spot of theatre, this tour has it all. First stop is Windsor, Canada's "Motor City." Bustling and dynamic, here culture, entertainment and commerce thrive. Sights to see include the Rose Gardens and Casino Windsor. Take time to explore Ontario's black heritage sites in Essex and Kent counties and trace the steps of the freedom-seeking slaves of the mid-1800s by following the African-Canadian Heritage Tour.

Head southeast from Windsor and you'll come across Leamington and the birdwatching paradise of Point Pelee National Park. As you drive northeast to Chatham you'll find farms, orchards and roadside stands. In Dresden, drop by Uncle Tom's Cabin, home of the Reverend Josiah Henson, inspiration behind the novel of the same name. In London, enjoy a visit to the restored Victorian Grand Theatre and the Guy Lombardo Music Centre.

In Stratford, picnic on the banks of the Avon, and enjoy some theatre at the world-famous Stratford Festival. From there drive west to Sarnia, where summer comes to life in a series of special events and festivals.

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AND FINALLY, ALL THE REASONS THE WORD SNOW RHYMES WITH ONTARIO.

ALPINE SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Whether you like traditional skiing, or the hip, high-energy sport of snowboarding, Ontario has the slopes (or half-pipes!) for you. There are ski resorts scattered throughout Ontario offering first-class downhill skiing as well as snowboarding.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Winter doesn't close down our trails and forests. Instead, we traverse them in different ways, swooshing our way through snow-laden parks and conservation areas on cross-country skis. Affordable and accessible, there are routes even within many urban centres, as cross-country skiing has become a winter sport of choice for both country and city dwellers of all ages.

For the day-tripper, there are trails to fit every level of expertise. And for those who want to make an expedition of it, there are lodge-to-lodge cross-country packages. All commercial ski areas are monitored.

For more information, contact:
Ontario Ski Resorts Association
110 Saunders Road, Unit 10
Barrie, Ontario L4M 6E7
Tel: (705) 727-0351
Fax: (705) 727-0321



ICE FISHING

In winter many of Ontario's ice-covered lakes develop holes and begin to sprout little clusters of heated huts as ice fishing enthusiasts settle down to drop their line. As ice fishing catches on, more resorts are offering ice fishing packages that provide transport to and from the huts, as well as live bait and tackle.

While ice fishing is available throughout Ontario, Georgina – less than an hour's drive from Toronto on Lake Simcoe – is the Ice Fishing Capital of Canada. Farther east, Lindsay, on the Trent-Severn Waterway, is also a hub for ice fishing. For a more northern experience, head on up to the lakes around Parry Sound and North Bay.

ICE CLIMBING

For all those who thrill to the idea of ascending an ice cliff with an ice axe in each hand, Ontario is the place to be. One of the hottest ice climbing spots in the province – Orient Bay Canyon – is at the Pijitawabik Palisades, a few kilometres from



Orient Bay, Lake Nipigon. Orient Bay's annual Ice Fest in March is a must-attend event for serious ice-climbers. You can swap equipment (and stories!), climb, compete, and meet fellow aficionados of the sport.

SNOWMOBILING

Snowmobiles allow you to explore Ontario's vast winter wonderland over lakes, through forests and along otherwise inaccessible trails.

Ontario offers a vast network of groomed trails – over 49,000 km of



them! Whether you want a day trip or a wilderness tour with accommodation en route, there are clubs and resorts to help you plan an exhilarating, and safe, snowmobiling experience.

For more information, contact:
Ontario Federation of
Snowmobile Clubs
PO Box 94
Barrie, Ontario L4M 4S9
Tel: (705) 739-7669
Fax: (705) 739-5005
www.transdata.ca/~ofsc/
Ontario Snowmobile Paradise
76 McIntyre Road, P.O. Bag 920
Schumacher, Ontario P0N 1G0
Tel: 1-800-263-SLED
Fax: (705) 268-5526
www.snowmobileparadise.com

WINTER WILDERNESS TOUR

Winter transforms the grand into the exquisite. Starting in November, the scenic wilderness of the Agawa Canyon becomes a wonderland of ice and snow. The best way to see this awesomely beautiful transformation is in the comfort of the Algoma Central Railway's Snow Train.

For more information, contact:
Algoma Central Railway
Box 130, 129 Bay St.
Sault Ste Marie, Ontario P6A 6Y2
Tel: 1-800-242-9287
or (705) 946-7300
Fax: (705) 541-2989

DOGSLEDDING

A traditional mode of travel in the Far North, dogsledding is gaining popularity as more people experience the wonder of this sport. Based mainly in wilderness areas, several resorts and wilderness tour operators offer dogsledding expeditions of varying duration, from one hour to several days. Don't forget your snowshoes.

SUGARING OFF

The annual maple syrup run is a celebration in itself, representing both the end of winter and the coming of spring. Many conservation areas hold maple syrup festivals, including horse-drawn wagon rides into the bush to see how the maple trees are tapped. And of course, the whole family can enjoy a pancake breakfast dripping with Ontario's "liquid gold."

WINTER CAMPING

Diehard nature lovers will want to experience winter camping at one of Ontario's campgrounds, including Algonquin and Frontenac provincial parks. No hot showers, though, and no running water! Call the campgrounds in advance of your trip.

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Visit an Ontario Travel Information Centre and discover where to stay, where to go, and where to find all the "things to see and do." You can call and request information, or you can drop in for brochures, special-interest publications, maps, directions and helpful tips to make your travel easier.

The Ontario Travel Information Centres are open daily from 8 am to 8 pm mid-May to Labour Day, and from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in winter. Hours may vary from centre to centre; check the list below. To verify current hours, call 1-800-ONTARIO or check Ontario Tourism's website at www.ontario-canada.com

OPEN ALL YEAR

BARRIE

21 Molson Park Drive at Hwy 400
Winter Hours 7 am - 4 pm
Tel: (705) 725-7280
Fax: (705) 725-7285

CORNWALL

903 Brookdale Avenue
Seaway International Bridge
Tel: (613) 933-2420
Fax: (613) 933-3387

FORT ERIE

100 Goderich Street, near Peace Bridge
Tel: (905) 871-3505
Fax: (905) 871-6461

FORT FRANCES

400 Central Avenue, foot of
International Bridge
Tel: (807) 274-7566
Fax: (807) 274-7870

NIAGARA FALLS

West on Hwy 420 from Rainbow Bridge
at 5355 Stanley Avenue
Open April to mid-May/Labour Day to
Canadian Thanksgiving, Fri. and Sat.
8:30 am to 6 pm
Tel: (905) 358-3221
Fax: (905) 358-6441

ST. CATHARINES

Queen Elizabeth Way at Glendale Avenue
Open April to mid-May/Labour Day to
Canadian Thanksgiving, Fri. and Sat.
8:30 am to 6 pm
Tel: (905) 684-6354
Fax: (905) 684-3634

SARNIA

Bluewater Bridge
1415 Venetian Boulevard
Open April to mid-May/Labour Day to
Canadian Thanksgiving, Fri. and Sat.
8:30 am to 6 pm
Tel: (519) 344-7403
Fax: (519) 332-4576

SAULT STE. MARIE

261 Queen Street at International Bridge
Open Labour Day to Canadian
Thanksgiving, 8:30 am to 6 pm
Tel: (705) 945-6941
Fax: (705) 945-6943

TORONTO

Toronto Eaton Centre
Level One, 220 Yonge Street
Open weekdays 10 am to 9 pm, Saturday
9:30 am to 6 pm, Sunday noon to 5 pm
Fax: (416) 314-5901

WINDSOR, TWO LOCATIONS

Open April to mid-May/Labour Day to
Canadian Thanksgiving, Fri. and Sat.
8:30 am to 6 pm

110 Park Street East at
Windsor/Detroit Tunnel
Tel: (519) 973-1338
Fax: (519) 973-1341

1235 Huron Church Road, east of
Ambassador Bridge
Tel: (519) 973-1310
Fax: (519) 973-1313

OPEN MID-MAY TO CANADIAN THANKSGIVING

HAWKESBURY

Hwy 417
Tel: (613) 674-2000
Fax: (613) 674-2689

LANCASTER

Hwy 401 and Hwy 2, east of Lancaster
Tel: (613) 347-3498
Fax: (613) 347-3435

HILL ISLAND

Hwy 137 at 1000 Islands Bridge
near Ivy Lea
Tel: (613) 659-2108
Fax: (613) 659-2102

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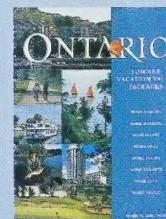
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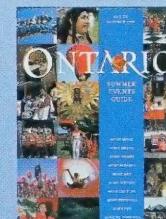
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